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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel without prejudice Claim 3, and please amend Claims 1, 4, and 15, as follows.

1. (currently amended) A license plate attachment system for attaching to a motor vehicle a license plate selected from at least two license plates having differing mounting hole locations, said license plate attachment system comprising:

an attachment panel having a left opening and a right opening, said right opening being spaced a predetermined distance from said left opening;

a left main nut body component attached to said attachment panel at said left opening at a first fixed orientation with respect to said attachment panel, said left main nut body component having a first plurality of license plate attachment holes formed therein; and

a right main nut body component attached to said attachment panel at said right opening at a second fixed orientation with respect to said attachment panel, said right main nut body component having a second plurality of license plate attachment holes formed therein;

wherein each of said license plate attachment holes comprises a blind bore formed in a closed end casing.

~~wherein said first fixed orientation of said left main nut body component is independent of said second fixed orientation of said right main nut body component.~~

2. (original) The license plate attachment system of Claim 1, wherein said first and second plurality of license plate attachment holes comprise at least two of: a pair of North American license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a North American license plate, a pair of Japanese license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a Japanese license plate, a pair of Korean license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a Korean license plate, and a pair of Persian Gulf States license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a Persian Gulf States license plate.

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4. (currently amended) The license plate attachment system of Claim 3 ~~2~~, wherein:  
said left main nut body component comprises a left main nut body head and a left entry boss, at least one first guide slot being formed in said left entry boss, wherein said left entry boss is receivable into said ~~first~~ left opening, and wherein rotation of said left main nut body component results in attachment of said left nut body to said attachment panel by a periphery of said ~~first~~ left opening being trapped in said at least one first guide slot; and

said right main nut body component comprises a right main nut body head and a right entry boss, at least one second guide slot being formed in said right entry boss, wherein said right entry boss is receivable into said ~~first~~ right opening, and wherein rotation of said right main nut body component results in attachment of said right nut body to said attachment panel by a periphery of said ~~first~~ right opening being trapped in said at least one second guide slot.

5. (original) The license plate attachment system of Claim 4, wherein a main head lip is formed respectively on each of said left and right main nut body heads, wherein each said main head lip is in sealing relation to said attachment panel when said left and right nut body components are attached thereto.

6. (previously presented) The license plate attachment system of Claim 5, wherein:  
each of said right and left openings has a predetermined shape, and each of said left and right entry bosses has a shape complementary to the predetermined shape; and  
each of said left and right entry bosses has an orientation skewed in relation to its respective left and right main nut body head.

7. (original) The license plate attachment system of Claim 6, wherein said first and second plurality of license plate attachment holes comprise: a pair of North American license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a North American license plate, a pair of Japanese license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a Japanese license plate, a pair of Korean license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a Korean license plate, and a pair of Persian Gulf States license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a Persian Gulf States license plate.

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8. (original) The license plate attachment system of Claim 1, wherein said attachment panel further has a second left opening and a second right opening, said second left opening being spaced a second predetermined distance from said second right opening; further comprising:

a left satellite nut body component attached to said attachment panel at said second left opening, said left satellite nut body component having a first European license plate attachment hole formed therein; and

a right satellite nut body attached to said attachment panel at said second right opening, said right satellite nut body component having a second European license plate attachment hole formed therein;

wherein said first and second European license plate mounting holes are alignable with mounting holes of a European license plate.

9. (original) The license plate attachment system of Claim 8, wherein:

said left satellite nut body component comprises a left satellite head, and a left threaded fastener receptacle connected with said left satellite head which provides at least in part said first European license plate attachment hole; and

said right satellite nut body component comprises a right satellite head, and a right threaded fastener receptacle connected with said right satellite head which provides at least in part said second European license plate attachment hole.

10. (original) The license plate attachment system of Claim 9, wherein said left satellite head has a first piercible surface aligned with said left threaded fastener receptacle, and wherein said right satellite head has a second piercible surface aligned with said right threaded fastener receptacle.

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11. (original) The license plate attachment system of Claim 10, further comprising:  
a first snap feature connected with said first threaded fastener receptacle, wherein said first snap feature snaps into said second left opening to thereby secure said left satellite nut body component to said attachment panel at said second left opening thereof; and

a second snap feature connected with said second threaded fastener receptacle, wherein said second snap feature snaps into said second right opening to thereby secure said right satellite nut body component to said attachment panel at said second right opening thereof.

12. (original) The license plate attachment system of Claim 11, further comprising a grommet respectively connected to each of said left and right satellite heads at the respective left and right snap feature thereof, each said grommet having a grommet lip, wherein each said grommet lip is in sealing relation to said attachment panel when said left and right nut satellite body components are attached thereto.

13. (original) The license plate attachment system of Claim 6, wherein said attachment panel further has a second left opening and a second right opening, said second left opening being spaced a second predetermined distance from said second right opening; further comprising:

a left satellite nut body component attached to said attachment panel at said second left opening, said left satellite nut body component having a first European license plate attachment hole formed therein;

a first bridge connecting said left main nut body component to said left satellite nut body component;

a right satellite nut body attached to said attachment panel at said second right opening, said right satellite nut body component having a second European license plate attachment hole formed therein; and

a second bridge connecting said right main nut body component to said right satellite nut body component;

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wherein said skewing of said left entry boss relative to said left main body head places said left satellite nut body component into alignment with said second left opening after said rotation of said left main nut body component;

wherein said skewing of said right entry boss relative to said right main body head places said right satellite nut body component into alignment with said second right opening after said rotation of said right main nut body component; and

wherein said first and second European license plate mounting holes are alignable with mounting holes of a European license plate.

14. (original) The license plate attachment system of Claim 13, wherein said first and second plurality of license plate attachment holes comprise: a pair of North American license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a North American license plate, a pair of Japanese license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a Japanese license plate, a pair of Korean license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a Korean license plate, and a pair of Persian Gulf States license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a Persian Gulf States license plate.

15. (currently amended) A license plate attachment system for attaching to a motor vehicle a license plate selected from at least two of: a North American license plate, a Japanese license plate, a Korean license plate a Persian Gulf States license plate and a European license plate, said license plate attachment system comprising:

an attachment panel having a left opening and a right opening, said right opening being spaced a predetermined distance from said left opening;

a left main nut body component attached to said attachment panel at a first fixed orientation with respect to said attachment panel, said left main nut body component having a first plurality of license plate attachment holes formed therein; and

a right main nut body component attached to said attachment panel at a second fixed orientation with respect to said attachment panel, said right main nut body component having a second plurality of license plate attachment holes formed therein;

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wherein said left main nut body component comprises a left main nut body head and a left entry boss, at least one first guide slot being formed in said left entry boss, wherein said left entry boss is receivable into said left opening, and wherein rotation of said left main nut body component results in attachment of said left nut body to said attachment panel by a periphery of said left opening being trapped in said at least one first guide slot; and

wherein said right main nut body component comprises a right main nut body head and a right entry boss, at least one second guide slot being formed in said right entry boss, wherein said right entry boss is receivable into said right opening, and wherein rotation of said right main nut body component results in attachment of said right nut body to said attachment panel by a periphery of said right opening being trapped in said at least one second guide slot.

~~wherein said first fixed orientation of said left main nut body component is independent of said second fixed orientation of said right main nut body component.~~

16. (original) The license plate attachment system of Claim 15, further comprising:  
a left satellite nut body component attached to said attachment panel, said left satellite nut body component having a first European license plate attachment hole formed therein; and  
a right satellite nut body attached to said attachment panel, said right satellite nut body component having a second European license plate attachment hole formed therein.

17. (previously presented) A license plate attachment system for attaching to a motor vehicle a license plate selected from at least two license plates having differing mounting hole locations, said license plate attachment system comprising:

an attachment panel having a left opening and a right opening wherein said right opening is spaced a predetermined distance from said left opening, said attachment panel further having a second left opening and a second right opening wherein said second left opening is spaced a second predetermined distance from said second right opening;

a left main nut body component attached to said attachment panel at said left opening, said left main nut body component having a first plurality of license plate attachment holes formed therein;

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a right main nut body component attached to said attachment panel at said right opening, said right main nut body component having a second plurality of license plate attachment holes formed therein;

a left satellite nut body component attached to said attachment panel at said second left opening, said left satellite nut body component having a first European license plate attachment hole formed therein;

a first bridge connecting said left main nut body component to said left satellite nut body component;

a right satellite nut body attached to said attachment panel at said second right opening, said right satellite nut body component having a second European license plate attachment hole formed therein; and

a second bridge connecting said right main nut body component to said right satellite nut body component.

18. (original) The license plate attachment system of Claim 17, wherein:

said left main nut body component comprises a left main nut body head and a left entry boss, at least one first guide slot being formed in said left entry boss, wherein said left entry boss is receivable into said first left opening, and wherein rotation of said left main nut body component results in attachment of said left nut body to said attachment panel by a periphery of said first left opening being trapped in said at least one first guide slot;

said right main nut body component comprises a right main nut body head and a right entry boss, at least one second guide slot being formed in said right entry boss, wherein said right entry boss is receivable into said first right opening, and wherein rotation of said right main nut body component results in attachment of said right nut body to said attachment panel by a periphery of said first right opening being trapped in said at least one second guide slot;

each of said left and right entry bosses has an orientation skewed in relation to its respective left and right main nut body head, wherein said skewing of said left entry boss relative to said left main body head places said left satellite nut body component into alignment with said second left opening after said rotation of said left main nut body component, and wherein said skewing of said right entry boss relative to said right main body head places said right satellite

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nut body component into alignment with said second right opening after said rotation of said right main nut body component.

19. (original) The license plate attachment system of Claim 18, wherein said first and second plurality of license plate attachment holes comprise: a pair of North American license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a North American license plate, a pair of Japanese license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a Japanese license plate, a pair of Korean license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a Korean license plate, and a pair of Persian Gulf States license plate attachment holes alignable with mounting holes of a Persian Gulf States license plate.

20. (original) The license plate attachment system of Claim 19, wherein each said license plate attachment holes of said left and right main nut body components comprises a blind bore formed in a closed end casing.